

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to Coach  
4 Joe Newton, the 2003 York Community High School Boys Cross  
5 Country Team, and the entire York Community High School on  
6 winning the Class AA State Championship Title; and

7 WHEREAS, The Dukes began the season ranked number one and  
8 finished the season first at the Class AA meet at Netweiller  
9 Park in Peoria; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Joseph Newton, one of the most talented  
11 cross country and track coaches in history, has led the York  
12 Community High School Dukes to a remarkable 23 State titles;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Dukes Cross Country team completed the  
15 season undefeated at the freshman, sophomore, and varsity  
16 levels; and

17 WHEREAS, The Dukes won the West Suburban Conference  
18 Championship at the freshman, sophomore, and varsity levels;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Dukes also won the Palatine and Peoria  
21 Invitational at all levels; and

22 WHEREAS, Before winning the Illinois High School  
23 Association State Meet, the Dukes won the Hinsdale Central  
24 Regional and the Niles West Sectional; and

25 WHEREAS, The Dukes won the State boys cross country meet  
26 with 86 points, with the assistance of Sean McNamara who  
27 finished third overall; and

28 WHEREAS, Sean McNamara, Mark Fruin, Eric Dettman, Matt  
29 Dettman, John Fry, Brian Marchese, and Josh Sharko worked as  
30 a team to win by an 88 point margin; and

1           WHEREAS, Matt Montgomery, Roger Billhardt, Mike Arnold,  
2 David Montgomery, Nick Kuczvara, Matt Edwards, Lionel  
3 Montenegro, Tim Jung, and Konrad Piotrowski assisted the York  
4 Dukes in their battle for victory as alternates; and

5           WHEREAS, Also supporting the Dukes drive for victory were  
6 Antonio Fasano, Keith Eadon, Mike Gasca, and Pat Tomasiewicz,  
7 the team managers; and

8           WHEREAS, We recognize the dedication of Coach Newton, the  
9 Athletic Department, and the entire York High School  
10 community in their tireless efforts to train and educate  
11 superior athletes and well-rounded students; and

12           WHEREAS, The Dukes have given countless hours and all of  
13 their energy to winning the Cross Country State Championship;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, This victory is shared with the families,  
16 friends, York Community High School, and the entire Elmhurst  
17 community, who have cheered on the team all season; and

18           WHEREAS, This title is a source of great pride for the  
19 team, school, and community; and

20           WHEREAS, We recognize the talent of these young athletes  
21 and their coaches; therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 we do hereby offer our congratulations to Coach Joe Newton  
25 and the members of the York Community High School Boys Cross  
26 Country Team on their 23rd State Championship Title; and be  
27 it further

28           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Coach Joe Newton, Superintendent Dr. Joel  
30 Morris, Principal Dr. Linda Yonke, Athletic Director Craig

1 Davelis, Assistant Coach Charlie Kern, Team Doctor Michael  
2 Calcagno, York Community High School, and the team members.